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SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY SCREENS *IRON JAWED ANGELS* TO CELEBRATE 90th ANNIVERSARY OF WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE

Defiant Second-Wave Defiant Suffragettes Take on US Government for Women's Rights

SAN DIEGO – The San Diego Public Library will commemorate the 90th anniversary of women's suffrage in the US during the month of August with a screening of the film *Iron Jawed Angels* on Wednesday, August 18 at 6:00 p.m. in the 3rd floor auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E Street in downtown San Diego. This event is free and open to the public.

Iron Jawed Angels tells the remarkable and little-known story of a group of passionate and dynamic young women, led by Alice Paul (Hilary Swank) and her friend Lucy Burns (Frances O'Connor), who put their lives on the line to fight for American women's right to vote. Swank and O'Connor head an outstanding female ensemble as a rebel band of young women seeking their seat at the table; and such cinematic icons as Lois Smith, Margo Martindale, and Anjelica Huston as the steely older generation of suffragettes. This true story has startling parallels to today, as the young activists struggle with issues such as the challenges of protesting a popular President during wartime and the perennial balancing act between love and career.

Suffrage was achieved gradually at the state and local levels during the 19th and early 20th centuries, culminating with the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment in August 1920, which provided: "The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex."

Learn about other events at the San Diego Public Library's Central Library and 35 branches, find links to numerous additional resources, or search for materials in the Library's catalog online at www.sandiegolibrary.org.

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